

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Richard A. Hinson, Registration No. 47652, on 04/22/2008.

3. Amend the following claim: Claim 27, line 2, replace "26" with "19".

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record alone or in combination fail to teach or suggest , in claims 1, 11, 18 and 19, the details that the component status publication specifies a state of said at least one application component, wherein said centralized location determines the state based upon at least one of said component usage messages, wherein responsive to an overload condition, said centralized location adjusts the specifies state of said application component in said component status publication from a steady-state to an overload-state, and wherein responsive to an end of said overload condition, said centralized location adjusts the specified state from the overload-state to the steady-state, and the selecting step further comprising determining that a server response to execute said computing tasks can be provided using either one of said external

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components or one of said local components, comparing an usage level of said external component specified in said component status publication with a predetermined usage threshold value, if said usage threshold value is exceeded, using said local component to provide said server response for executing said computing tasks, otherwise using said external component to provide said server response for executing said computing tasks.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer N. To whose telephone number is (571) 272-7212. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 7AM- 4:30 PM, F 7AM- 3:30 PM.

7. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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